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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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- 1-10. (Canceled)
11. (Canceled)
12. (Currently amended): A [[support adaptor assembly]]bearing press as claimed in claim [[11]]13, wherein each stirrup shaped adaptor has a bolt with a shank that extends through holes in opposing legs of the respective stirrup shaped adaptor.
13. (Currently amended): A bearing press comprising:
a frame that has an internally threaded mounting;
an externally threaded pressing shaft for providing a pushing force to a component, the pressing shaft being received in the internally threaded mounting; and
[[the]]a support adaptor assembly having an elongate rectangular shaped header plate, which has a slot in either end and a centrally located clear hole through which a pressing shaft of the bearing press can extend, two support rods that are each received in one of the slots in the header plate and extend downwards relative to the direction of the pressing force of the pressing shaft such that the length of each support rod below the header plate being adjustable, and a stirrup shaped adaptor attached to an end of each support rod for connecting an object to the support rods and locating the object relative to the header plate such that the pressing shaft can push a component into the object [[of claim 11]], the header plate being located above the internally threaded mounting such that the pressing shaft extends through the centrally located clear hole and the internally threaded mounting.
14. (Previously presented): A bearing press as claimed in claim 13, wherein the component is a bearing, and the forward end of the pressing shaft has a tip for engaging with the bearing.
15. (Currently amended): A method for pushing a component into an object, the method comprising:
using [[a]]the bearing press of claim 13 ~~having a frame with an internally threaded~~



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~~mounting that receives an externally threaded pressing shaft;~~

locating the support adaptor assembly [[of claim 11]] on the [[bearing press]]frame such that the header plate is located above the internally threaded mounting and the pressing shaft extends through the centrally located clear hole and the internally threaded mounting;

attaching the object to the stirrup shaped adaptors;

locating the component between the object and the forward end of the pressing shaft; and

winding the pressing shaft downward to apply a pressing force on the component to press the component into the object.

16. (Previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 15, further comprising selecting the length of the two support rods below the header plate.

17. (Previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 15, further comprising selecting the position of each support rod in the respective slot.